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FROM CAPTAIN WILLIAM CRAWFORD.

SPRINGGARDIN ¹ Jany. 7th. 1769

DR. SIR/

By V Crawford² Receved your Letter dated Novr 13th and inclosed twenty pounds Pensilvania mony I wrot you by Mr Harison,³ he told me he gave Mrs Washington my Letter but you was not at home

At my Return from Fredrick over the mountain, the Survayor was Runing Land out for such as was Redy to pay him, Emedatly I got him to Run out your Land, have done it as if for my self taking all the good Land and Leveing all that was sory only som Joyning the Mill Seat

It came out in Locations as other Land — but was all Run out in one body but the survayor will be paid for Every 300 Acres notwith standing he run the hole in one body, he says it is the Rule of the Office, there is in Each Survey 332 and 333 Acres so I had good Meashure.

The Land you was to have to My Brother John Stephenson⁴ when the survayor come was Located, he Lost all that is good without he can Purches the man's Right which he intends

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to do if he can, but I dout it as People from Pensilvania hold Land High You mentioned the Lins of the Colonys being Extended soon or at Least such a plan was on foot and that they officers would Obtain there Lands Agreeable to his Majesties Proclamation.⁵

I am at a Looss where they will Lay it off[f] as they Land to the Southard of Penns Line is very Sory Except in som spots unlass it is Layd of as you in a Letter before wrot me

I have not bin Down on any Part of the Little Conaway⁶ but has Conversed with Numbers that has bin from from the head to the Mouth ho tells me there is no Large bodys of Good Land on it is Chiefly mountains and brooken Land with hear and there a peace of very good Land.

In a few days I intend of Monongahalia to Run out som Land there which Draft I shall bring Down with [me] to your house About the first of Feby. or Midle, I should have gone before but was stopt by the Road as I had it to finish

I have found out a peace or two More of good Land in Pens Line which you may have I have taken them good for you, if you Chuse them I cold have taken more if I had thought they Quitrents would have bin Lesend as it is from a pany to a half pany an Acre

As soon as I return from down up the River I am to go over Monongahalia to Look at som Land two men has found on a Creek Calld. Ten Mile Creek and if I Like the Land you shall have any of it you may Like I shall be better able to satisfie you when I see you Sir I am your most Huml. Sarvt.

W CRAWFORD N B by the Commanding Officer at Fort pitt there is a Negro woman sent me ho was taken⁷ from a place Calld. Drapers Medows then they property of one Majr Winston ho is since Dead there was at first 22 taken in all from him but sevaral got away and got to there Master again

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I understand the Colony paid for them if so she now belongs to the Colony⁸

If it is not to much Trouble for you I should be oblidge to you to inquire and find out the Truth of the Matter and you to Purches her of the Colony for me Provided they would wait any time for the money it would be doing me a great favour

There is three more I belive I can get from the Nation⁹ with som Trouble, they wench I have Run away from them & Cam to Fort pitt

I am afraid there is som on the scent [of] bying her alredy

WC—

1 Spring Garden was one of the names by which Crawford designated his home upon the Youghiogheny. — BUTTERFIELD.

2 Valentine Crawford, brother of William.

3 Lawrence Harrison, Captain Crawford's son-in-law.

4 A half-brother of Crawford. He had five half-brothers, sons of Richard Stephenson: John, Hugh, Richard, James, and Marcus. — BUTTERFIELD.

5 Of 1765. See Hening, vol. vii. p. 666.

6 Kanawha.

7 By the Indians during Pontiac's war of 1763–64?

8 Virginia.

9 Six Nations.